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Fast-moving brush fire erupts in San Bernardino County

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Wildfire flames seen above homes in the Nice Fire in San Bernardino County on June 27, 2023.

A fast-moving brush fire erupted in the community of Mentone in San Bernardino County Tuesday afternoon, officials announced.

The Nice Fire was first reported at around 3:40 p.m. in the area of Nice Avenue and Amethyst Street, and had spread to nearly 90 acres with 10% containment by 7 p.m. Early reports of the fire suggested an unknown amount of structures were threatened, but officials later announced that no structures were threatened and no evacuation orders were issued.

Officials say the rapidly moving fire was burning in “light flashy fuels” and had the potential to spread to some 200 acres.

The **San Bernardino County Fire** Department requested a full ground and air response with additional tankers in order to fight the fire, adding that operations will continue through the night and that the cause of the fire is under investigation.

No injuries were reported.

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San Bernardino police seize 5,000 pounds of fireworks from home, evacuate neighborhood

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San Bernardino Police Department seized about 5,000 pounds of illegal fireworks, firearms and manufacturing materials from a residence. (KTLA)

The San Bernardino Police Department evacuated dozens of homes before seizing about 5,000 pounds of illegal fireworks, firearms and manufacturing materials from a residence.

Officers converged on a residence on the 1400 block of West Evans Street at about 8:30 p.m. Monday, responding to a complaint, according to the police department's update on Twitter. Upon arriving at the residence, the officers found the fireworks in "plain sight."

In addition, the officers found firearms, manufacturing tools and kegs of black powder, indicating that the residence may have been a manufacturing facility for illegal fireworks, according to the update.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department bomb squad was called in to help because of the large quantity of explosives.

One person was arrested, said Lt. Jennifer Kohrell, spokesperson for the San Bernardino Police Department. The suspect's name was not released.

About 48 homes around the residence were evacuated, with the Arroyo Valley High School gymnasium used as a temporary shelter. San Bernardino police allowed residents to return to their homes at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Five bomb trailers were being used Tuesday to transport the explosive material to a different location.

Kohrell noted that it's not known how many homemade fireworks may have been sold from the residence and whether they pose a hazard to the buyers.

Kohrell said anyone with information should call the police department at (909) 394-5742 or report it anonymously on the San Bernardino County Fire Department website.

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/san-bernardino-police-seize-5-002429576.html>

Forward progress stopped on Riverside County fire amid evacuations; two homes destroyed

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Multiple cars and a home are destroyed by the Juniper fire that burned along Santa Rosa Mine Road on Tuesday in Perris, Calif. The Riverside County blaze prompted mandatory evacuations for residents of 88 homes. (Gina Ferazzi / Los Angeles Times)

A wildfire in Riverside County on Thursday prompted evacuation orders and destroyed at least two residential structures, according to authorities. Meanwhile, another blaze broke out about 30 miles away in San Bernardino County.

The Riverside County blaze, dubbed the Juniper fire, was reported around 2:30 p.m. in the 19000 block of Santa Rosa Mine Road, according to Alex Izaguirre, a spokesperson for the Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire Department.

By 5:45 p.m., the latest update by the Fire Department, it had grown to at least 55 acres with 5% containment. Forward progress of the fire was stopped by that time, said Maggie Cline De La Rosa, another Fire Department spokesperson.

Shortly after the Juniper fire broke out, a separate wildfire ignited around 3:09 p.m. in the community of Mentone near Nice Avenue and Amethyst Street, roughly 30 miles northwest of the Riverside County fire.

The Nice fire had grown to 90 acres by 7:30 p.m. but was 10% contained, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. The **San Bernardino County fire** was moving slowly, with no structures threatened by the blaze.

The Juniper fire prompted mandatory evacuations for residents of 88 homes south of Blue Sky Road, east of El Baquero Road, west of Maywood Club Road and north of Rocky Hills Road. An evacuation map is available [here](#). A "care and reception center" for evacuees was opened at Pinacate Middle School, at 1990 South A St. The evacuation orders were later reduced to a warning except for the immediate vicinity of the fire.

Two residential structures were destroyed by the fire, along with several vehicles, according to fire personnel.

About 100 firefighters were battling the blaze from the air and the ground, including 19 engine companies and four air tankers, Izaguirre said.

The blazes ignited [as forecasters warned of increased fire danger](#) from an incoming heat wave. Temperatures in the Southland are expected to soar to the triple digits this holiday weekend, and the National Weather Service has advised residents that hot, dry conditions could support rapid fire growth should a blaze ignite.

“Any spark from fireworks could easily start a fire in the tall grass crop that has cured and turned brown in recent weeks,” the agency said.

The causes of both fires remained under investigation.

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